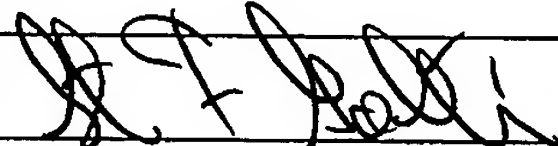


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### AMENDMENTS

#### IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert the following paragraph after the title and before the paragraph entitled Field of Invention.

#### --Cross-Reference to Related Applications

This application is a divisional of prior U.S. patent application serial no. 09/549,770, filed April 14, 2000, now ~~pending~~ <sup>US Patent No. 6,387,624</sup>.

#### IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 11-17 without prejudice. Please replace claims 1-10 with claims 1-10 below. No claims are amended.

18. A method for obtaining a DNA complementary to a mRNA, the method comprising:  
contacting the mRNA having a polyadenosine (polyA) tail with a primer mixture, the mixture comprising a plurality of primers wherein each primer comprises at least 5 contiguous